(b) whether in case the allegations have an objective basis, the gold import policy will be appropriately revised?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRl P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) There is no evidence / intelligence available to suggest that the decision to allow import of gold by non-resident Indians on payment of duty in foreign exchange has been instrumental for a sharp increase in over-invoicing of merchandise imports and under-invoicing of merchandise exports.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

Common source of information about reproductive issues

2638. DR. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that young adult male's most common source of information about reproductive issues is the mass-media and popular magazines;

(b) whether there are Government sponsored programmes to educate young men about reproductive health issue*; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALIM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) Systematic dissemination of population education messages through formal and non-formal education sectors for eligible couples including young adult males is one of the most important IEC strategy of the Department of Family Welfare.

"Zuari Agro Chemical" Factory at Dabolim, Goa

2639. SHRI JOHN. F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that "Zuari Agro Chemical" factory at Dabolim, Goa discharge huge amount of fumes and steam from its factory in the atmosphere, which gives rise to formation of clouds at low altitude thus hampering visibility on the approach path of the Dabolim Airport runway;

(b) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government to defuse this problem; and

,(c) how a licnece was granted to such factory within the proximity of airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING 'SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Fixed deposit schemes advertised by Tata Finance Company

2640. SHRl RAM NATH KOVINDA: DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to various fixed deposit schemes advertised by Tata Finance Company of New Delhi in November, 19%;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all these schemes are approved by any Governemnt agency to safeguard interests of small investors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action proposed in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Providing the charge of the additional M.S., Dr. R.M.L. Hospital to Junior Doctors

2641. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will ihe Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to stale:

(a) whether the Additional M.S. of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital. New Delhi retired very recently;

(b) if so, whether the eharge of the Additional M.S. was given to a Junior Doctor ignoring the right of Senior Doctors who are in the seniority list; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and correctly steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALIM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Qeustion does not arise.

Cases of smuggling of gold

2642. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 950 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23rd July, 1996 and state:

(a) the details of the cases pertaining to gold smuggling that have been detected during this year at different International Airports in the country; and

(b) the action initiated in each case?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Tourism Development Scheme of Bihar

2643. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tourism development schemes of Bihar are pending with the Government; and

(b) if so, the progress made so far alongwith the financial assistance proposed to be provided for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism, Government of India in consultation with the State Government officials have identified four projects amounting to Rs. 150 lakhs for Central Financial Assistance during 1996-97. The funds are released on receipt of detailed project proposals.

स्टेट बैंक आफ इंदौर में घपलों संबंधी मामलों के संबंध में संसद सदस्यों से प्राप्त पत्र/अभ्यावेदन/ज्ञापन

2644. श्री शिव चरण सिंह: क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार को पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान स्टेट बैंक आफ इंदौर की शाखाओं में घपलों तथा इसके कर्मचारियों से संबंधित मामलों के संबंध में संसद सदस्यों से कितने पत्र/अभ्यावेदन/ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुए;

(ख) इनमें से वर्ष-वार कितने मामलों में पावती या अन्तिम उत्तर अब तक भेजे गए हैं;

(ग) कितने पत्रों का उत्तर दिया जाना अभी शेष है;

(घ) कितने मामले अब तक निपटा दिये गए हैं; और

(ङ) कितने मामलों में जांच पूरी न होने के कारण अन्तिम उत्तर दिया जाना शेष है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) से (ङ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Security measures for RRB Employees

2645. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the security measures available to the staff of Regional Rural Banks during remittances;